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Problem 1

Prove the following statements.

(a) If $\{x_n\}_{n \geq 1} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is a Cauchy sequence that has a convergent subsequence, then $\{x_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ is convergent.

(b) A subset $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is bounded if and only if $\lim_n a_n x_n = 0$ for all $\{x_n\}_{n \geq 1} \subseteq A$ and $\{a_n\}_{n \geq 1} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ with $\lim_n a_n = 0$.

Solution. (a) Let $\epsilon > 0$ be given. Let $\{x_{n_i}\}_{i \geq 1}$ be the convergent subsequence of $\{x_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ and let x be its limit. There exists $N_1 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $|x_{n_i} - x| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$ whenever $i \geq N_1$. Also there exists $N_2 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $|x_n - x_m| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$ for all $n, m \geq N_2$ because $\{x_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ is a Cauchy sequence. Then we have for all $i \geq \max\{N_1, N_2\}$, $|x_i - x| \leq |x_i - x_{n_i}| + |x_{n_i} - x| < \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} = \epsilon$ (Remember that $n_i > i$ for all $i \in \mathbb{N}$.) Thus $\{x_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ converges to the same limit x .

(b) If A is bounded, there exists $C > 0$ which depends only on A such that $|x| \leq C$ for all $x \in A$. If we take any sequence $\{x_n\}_{n \geq 1} \subseteq A$ and any sequence $\{a_n\}_{n \geq 1} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ with $\lim_n a_n = 0$, we shall have $\lim_n |a_n x_n| \leq \lim_n C |a_n| = 0$. Thus $\lim_n a_n x_n = 0$. Conversely, assume the conditions are met for any such sequences. If A was not bounded, everytime we choose an element $c > 0$, there would exist $x_c \in A$ such that $|x_c| > c$. Thus, to each $n \geq 1$ we could associate some $x_n \in A$ satisfying $|x_n| > n$. Define $a_n := \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} > 0$ for $n \in \mathbb{N}$. The sequence $\{a_n\}_{n \geq 1} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ satisfies $\lim_n a_n = 0$. However, $|x_n a_n| > \frac{n}{\sqrt{n}} = \sqrt{n}$ with $\lim_n \sqrt{n} = \infty$ making $\lim_n |a_n x_n| = \infty$. Thus $\lim_n a_n x_n \neq 0$ which contradicts the hypothesis. Therefore, A must be bounded.

Problem 2

Consider the Banach space $C([0, 1])$ consisting of all continuous functions $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, equipped with the supremum norm $\|f\|_\infty = \sup_{x \in [0, 1]} |f(x)|$. Let $K : [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a continuous function.

Consider the operator $T : C([0, 1]) \rightarrow C([0, 1])$ given by

$$Tf(x) = \int_0^1 K(x, y) f(y) dy.$$

(a) Prove that T is bounded.

(b) Find $\|T\|$. Justify your answer.

Solution. (a) For all $f \in C([0, 1])$, we have that

$$\|Tf\|_\infty = \sup_{x \in [0,1]} |Tf(x)| \leq \sup_{x \in [0,1]} \left| \int_0^1 K(x, y) f(y) dy \right| \leq \left(\sup_{x \in [0,1]} \int_0^1 |K(x, y)| dy \right) \|f\|_\infty$$

Thus $\|T\| \leq \sup_{x \in [0,1]} \int_0^1 |K(x, y)| dy < \sup_{(x,y) \in [0,1]^2} |K(x, y)| < \infty$, making T bounded.

(b) From part (a), we know already that $\|T\| \leq \sup_{x \in [0,1]} \int_0^1 |K(x, y)| dy$. Additionally, consider for each $x \in [0, 1]$ the map f^x defined by $f^x(y) = \text{sgn}(K(x, y))$. Since the map sgn can be approximated by continuous functions and since $y \mapsto K(x, y)$ is continuous, the map f^x actually can also be approximated by continuous functions. For example, the function $f_n^x(y) := \frac{2}{1+e^{-nK(x,y)}} - 1$, approximates f^x , with $\|f_n^x\|_\infty \leq 1$. So, yes, **the sign function of a continuous function can be approximated uniformly by a sequence of continuous functions.** Working with $\{f_n^x\}_{n \geq 1}$ instead of f^x , we get

$$|Tf_n^x(x)| = \left| \int_0^1 K(x, y) f_n^x(y) dy \right| \implies \lim_n |Tf_n^x(x)| = \int_0^1 K(x, y) \text{sgn}(K(x, y)) dy = \int_0^1 |K(x, y)| dy.$$

Taking the supremum over $x \in [0, 1]$, we have that

$$\sup_{x \in [0,1]} \int_0^1 |K(x, y)| dy = \sup_{x \in [0,1]} \lim_n |Tf_n^x(x)| = \lim_n \sup_{x \in [0,1]} |Tf_n^x(x)| = \lim_n \sup_{x \in [0,1]} \|Tf_n^x\|_\infty \leq \|T\|.$$

The bound is therefore tight. Consequently, $\|T\| = \sup_{x \in [0,1]} \int_0^1 |K(x, y)| dy$.

Problem 3

Let \mathcal{H} be a Hilbert space. Recall that a sequence $\{f_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ converges weakly to $f \in \mathcal{H}$ if $\lim_n \langle f_n, g \rangle = \langle f, g \rangle$ for all $g \in \mathcal{H}$. We want to prove the following.

(a) A sequence $\{f_n\}_{n \geq 1} \subseteq \mathcal{H}$ converges to $f \in \mathcal{H}$ if and only if $\lim_n \|f_n\| = \|f\|$ and f_n converges weakly to f .

(b) Let T be a bounded linear operator on \mathcal{H} . If $\{f_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ converges weakly to f , then $\{Tf_n\}$ converges weakly to Tf .

Solution. (a) If $f_n \xrightarrow{\|\cdot\|} f$, then for all $g \in \mathcal{H}$ we have $\langle f_n - f, g \rangle \leq \|f_n - f\| \|g\|$ converges to 0 making f_n to converge to f weakly. Similarly, the continuity of the norm guarantees that $\lim_n \|f_n\| = \left\| \lim_n f_n \right\| = \|f\|$.
Now we prove the converse.

Assume that we have $\lim_n \|f_n\| = \|f\|$ and $f_n \rightharpoonup f$, respectively.

It follows

$$\|f_n - f\|^2 = \langle f_n - f, f_n - f \rangle = \|f_n\|^2 + \|f\|^2 - \langle f_n, f \rangle - \langle f, f_n \rangle \rightarrow \|f\|^2 + \|f\|^2 - \|f\|^2 - \|f\|^2 = 0, \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Hence $\lim_n \|f_n - f\| = 0$, -i.e., f_n converges (strongly) to f .

(b) Assume $\{f_n\}_{n \geq 1} \subseteq \mathcal{H}$ converges weakly to $f \in \mathcal{H}$. Let $g \in \mathcal{H}$ be given. Define $\ell : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ by $\ell(f) = \langle Tf, g \rangle$. It is immediate to see ℓ is linear. It is also bounded. Indeed, the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality provides for any $h \in \mathcal{H}$, $|\ell(h)| = |\langle Th, g \rangle| \leq \|Th\| \|g\| \leq \|T\| \|g\| \|h\|$. Then $\|\ell\| \leq \|T\| \|g\| < \infty$ because T is bounded. Thence ℓ is a bounded linear functional. Riesz representation theorem therefore guarantees that there must exist $\xi \in \mathcal{H}$ such that $\ell = \langle \cdot, \xi \rangle$. By weak convergence, it follows $\ell(f_n) = \langle f_n, \xi \rangle \rightarrow \langle f, \xi \rangle = \ell(f)$, -i.e., $\lim_n \langle Tf_n, g \rangle = \langle Tf, g \rangle$ as desired.

Problem 4

Let \mathcal{H} be a Hilber space and let $T_n : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$ be a sequence of bounded linear operators on \mathcal{H} with $\|T_n\| \leq 1$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Suppose that for every vector $x \in \mathcal{H}$ the following holds:

$$T_i^* T_j x = 0,$$

for all $i, j \in \mathbb{N}$ with $i \neq j$.

- (1) Prove that for every $i, j \in \mathbb{N}$, the ranges of T_i and T_j are orthogonal.
- (2) Prove that for every $x \in \mathcal{H}$ the sequence $\{T_n x\}_{n \geq 1}$ is a Cauchy sequence.
- (3) Let $T : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$ be defined by $Tx = \lim_n T_n x$. Prove that T is bounded and $\|T\| \leq 1$.

Solution. (1) For all $x, y \in \mathcal{H}$, we have $\langle T_i x, T_j y \rangle = \langle x, T_i^* T_j y \rangle$. Whenever $i \neq j$, $T_i^* T_j y = 0$, hence $\langle T_i x, T_j y \rangle = 0$.

(2) By orthogonality, for all $N \in \mathbb{N}$:

$$\sum_{n=1}^N \|T_n x\|^2 = \left\| \sum_{n=1}^N T_n x \right\|^2 \leq \left\| \sum_{n=1}^N T_n x \right\|^2 + \left\| x - \sum_{n=1}^N T_n x \right\|^2 = \|x\|^2.$$

x being fixed, this actually means that $\sum_{n=1}^N \|T_n x\|^2 < \infty$. Hence $\lim_n \|T_n x\|^2 = 0$. Thus for all

$(m, n) \in \mathbb{N}^2$:

$$\|T_n x - T_m x\|^2 = \|T_n x\|^2 + \|T_m x\|^2 \rightarrow 0, \quad \text{as } m, n \rightarrow \infty.$$

(c) Let $x \in H$ be given. For all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $\|T_n x\| \leq \|T_n\| \|x\| \leq \|x\|$. Then $\lim_n \|T_n x\| \leq \|x\|$. By continuity, we have $\lim_n \|T_n x\| = \|\lim_n T_n x\| = \|Tx\|$. Hence $\|Tx\| \leq \|x\|$ which implies $\|T\| \leq 1$ therefore T is proved to be bounded as desired.

Problem 5

Consider the real line \mathbb{R} equipped with the usual Euclidean metric.

(a) Prove that if $A, B \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ are disjoint closed sets, then there exist disjoint open sets $U, V \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ such that $A \subseteq U$ and $B \subseteq V$.

(b) Let m^* denote the Lebesgue outer measure on \mathbb{R} . Prove that for any two sets $A, B \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ such that $\inf_{a \in A, b \in B} |a - b| > 0$ we have

$$m^*(A \cup B) = m^*(A) + m^*(B).$$

Solution. (a) Thanks to Rhoklin, we can construct the following sets:

$$U := \{x \in \mathbb{R} : \text{dist}(x, A) < \text{dist}(x, B)\}, \quad \text{and } V = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : \text{dist}(x, A) > \text{dist}(x, B)\}$$

The functions $x \mapsto d(x, A)$ and $x \mapsto d(x, B)$ being continuous, the sets U and V are open sets. Clearly we have $A \subseteq U$ and $B \subseteq V$.

PS: $d(x, C) := \inf_{c \in C} |x - c|$.

(b) Let $A, B \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ be any subsets of \mathbb{R} satisfying the hypothesis, -i.e., $d(A, B) > 0$. We shall use $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$ for the Borel σ -algebra on \mathbb{R} . Then

$$m^*(K) = \inf \{m(I) : I \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}) \text{ and } I \supseteq K\}$$

where $m(I)$ indicates the length of I .

Recall. A map $\lambda : \mathcal{P}(\Omega) \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ is called an *outer measure* on $\mathcal{P}(\Omega)$ if it satisfies the following conditions: (α) $\lambda(\emptyset) = 0$; $(\alpha\alpha)$ If $A \subseteq B$ then $\lambda(A) \leq \lambda(B)$, -i.e., $\lambda \geq 0$; $(\alpha\alpha\alpha)$ if $\{A_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$, then for any $A \in \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$ such that $A \subseteq \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n$, we have $\lambda(A) \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda(A_n)$. This last condition is equivalent to $\lambda(\bigcup_n A_n) \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda(A_n)$.

Let \mathcal{A} be an algebra and μ a measure, -i.e., a map which is σ -additive and non-negative on \mathcal{A} . The *outer measure associated to μ* is the map $\mu^* : \mathcal{P}(\Omega) \rightarrow [0, \infty]$, by:

$$\mu^*(A) := \inf \left\{ \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mu(A_n) : A \subseteq \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n \text{ and } \{A_n\}_{n \geq 1} \in \mathcal{R}(A) \right\} \quad (*)$$

where $\mathcal{R}(A)$ indicates the set of all the countable covers of A by elements taken from \mathcal{A} .

If \mathcal{A} was actually a σ -algebra, then $(*)$ becomes $\mu^*(A) = \inf \{\mu(B) : B \in \mathcal{A} \text{ and } B \supseteq A\}$. One could also define $\mu_*(A) = \sup \{\mu(B) : B \in \mathcal{A} \text{ and } B \subseteq A\}$, and expect to have $\mu_*(A) = \mu^*(A)$ for any measurable set in the sense of the following definition.

Let λ be an outer measure on Ω . A subset $A \subseteq \Omega$ is said to be λ -**measurable** if, for any $B \subseteq \Omega$, $\lambda(B) = \lambda(B \cap A) + \lambda(B \cap A^c)$.

Since m^* is an outer measure, it is σ -subadditive. Then $m^*(A \cup B) \leq m^*(A) + m^*(B)$. Consequently, we shall only prove that $m^*(A \cup B) \geq m^*(A) + m^*(B)$. Let $\delta > 0$ be given. There exists $I \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$, the Borel σ -algebra, $A \cup B \subseteq I$ such that

$$m^*(I) + \delta \geq m(I) \geq m^*(A \cup B).$$

We claim $d(\overline{A}, \overline{B}) > 0$, where \overline{S} is the closure of S for any given set S . Let $(a, b) \in \overline{A} \times \overline{B}$ be arbitrary. There exists $(a_k, b_k) \in A \times B$ such that $(a, b) = \lim_k (a_k, b_k)$. For all $k \in \mathbb{N}$, $d(a_k, b_k) \geq d(A, B) > 0$. Then $d(a, b) = \lim_k d(a_k, b_k) \geq d(A, B) > 0$. Therefore $d(\overline{A}, \overline{B}) = \inf_{(a,b) \in \overline{A} \times \overline{B}} d(a, b) \geq d(A, B) > 0$. Since $(\overline{A} \cup \overline{B}) \cap I \subseteq I$, and since $\overline{A}, \overline{B} \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$, we have

$$m((\overline{A} \cap I) \cup (\overline{B} \cap I)) = m^*((\overline{A} \cup \overline{B}) \cap I) \leq m(I) < m^*(A \cup B) + \delta$$

Since m is additive(it's a measure), we have

$$m(\overline{A} \cap I) + m(\overline{B} \cap I) < m^*(A \cup B) + \delta$$

Moreover $A \subseteq \overline{A} \cap I$ and $B \subseteq \overline{B} \cap I$. Then $m^*(A) + m^*(B) \leq m(\overline{A} \cap I) + m(\overline{B} \cap I) < m^*(A \cup B) + \delta$. Letting $\delta \downarrow 0$, we obtain $m^*(A) + m^*(B) \leq m^*(A \cup B)$ as desired.

Problem 6

Assume that you know the function

$$f_n(x) = \int_0^n t^{x-1} \left(1 - \frac{t}{n}\right)^n dt$$

is well defined for all $x > 0$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

(a) Apply a convergence theorem to show that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x)$ exists for all $x > 0$.

(b) Write down the full statement of the convergence theorem you used in (a).

Solution. (a) For all $x > 0$ and for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, we have

$$f_n(x) = \int_{(0, \infty)} t^{x-1} \left(1 - \frac{t}{n}\right)^n \mathbb{1}_{[0, n]}(t) d\lambda(t)$$

where λ designates the usual Lebesgue measure on \mathbb{R} . Define $g_{n,x}(t) := t^{x-1} \left(1 - \frac{t}{n}\right)^n \mathbb{1}_{[0, n]}(t)$, for all $t > 0$. We have for all $t > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} |g_{n,x}(t)| &= \left| t^{x-1} \left(1 - \frac{t}{n}\right)^n \mathbb{1}_{[0, n]}(t) \right| \\ &= t^{x-1} \left(1 - \frac{t}{n}\right)^n \mathbb{1}_{[0, n]}(t) \\ &= t^{x-1} e^{n \ln\left(1 - \frac{t}{n}\right)} \mathbb{1}_{[0, n]}(t) \end{aligned}$$

Notice that for all $0 < \xi < 1$, $\ln(1 - \xi) \leq -\xi$. (This is true even when $\xi \leq 0$.) Then

$$|g_{n,x}(t)| \leq t^{x-1} e^{n(-\frac{t}{n})} \mathbb{1}_{[0,n]}(t) \leq t^{x-1} e^{-t}.$$

Define $h_x(t) := t^{x-1} e^{-t}$ for all $t > 0$ which is independent of n . We claim that h_x is integrable for all $x > 0$. Indeed h_x is integrable on each compact $[\alpha, \beta] \subset (0, \infty)$ where $0 < \alpha \leq \beta < \infty$ since

Case1: $0 < x < 1$

$$0 \leq \beta^{x-1} e^{-\beta} (\beta - \alpha) \leq \int_{[\alpha,\beta]} t^{x-1} e^{-t} d\lambda(t) \leq \alpha^{x-1} e^{-\alpha} < \infty.$$

Case2: $x \geq 1$

$$0 \leq \alpha^{x-1} e^{\beta} \leq \int_{[\alpha,\beta]} t^{x-1} e^{-t} d\lambda(t) \leq \beta^{x-1} e^{-\alpha} < \infty.$$

We therefore must only study the convergence of the integral at 0 and ∞ . First, in any neighborhood $(0, \epsilon]$ of 0, where $\epsilon > 0$ is viewed as small, we have $h_x(t) = o(t^{x-1})$. Then $\int_{(0,\epsilon]} t^{x-1} dt = o\left(\int_{(0,\epsilon]} t^{x-1} dt\right)$. But, $\int_{(0,\epsilon]} t^{x-1} dt = \lim_{0 < \delta < \epsilon, \delta \downarrow 0} \int_{[\delta,\epsilon]} t^{x-1} dt = \lim_{0 < \delta < \epsilon, \delta \downarrow 0} \left(\frac{\epsilon^x}{x} - \frac{\delta^x}{x}\right) = \frac{\epsilon^x}{x} < \infty$. Hence, h_x is integrable in any neighborhood of $t = 0$. In the same vein, at any neighborhood $[M, \infty)$ of ∞ , where $M > 0$ is viewed as large, we have $h_x(t) = o\left(e^{-\frac{t}{2}}\right)$. But we know $0 \leq \int_{[M,\infty)} e^{-\frac{t}{2}} dt = 2e^{-\frac{M}{2}} < \infty$ making e^{-t} integrable. Hence, h_x is integrable in any neighborhood of ∞ . These facts allow the conclusion that h_x is integrable in $(0, \infty)$. Additionally, we check that $g_{n,x}(t) \rightarrow t^{x-1} e^{-t}$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ pointwisely. To see this, notice that for all $t > 0$, there exists $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ so that $n_0 \geq t$. Then for all $n \geq n_0$ (in particular, n does depend on t):

$$|g_{n,x}(t) - t^{x-1} e^{-t}| = t^{x-1} \left| e^{n \ln(1 - \frac{t}{n})} \mathbb{1}_{[0,n]}(t) - e^{-t} \right| = t^{x-1} \left| e^{n \ln(1 - \frac{t}{n})} - e^{-t} \right| \rightarrow 0, \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

We can therefore apply the Lebesgue Dominated Convergence Theorem to conclude that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) = \int_{(0,\infty)} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g_{n,x}(t) d\lambda(t) = \int_{(0,\infty)} t^{x-1} e^{-t} d\lambda(t) = \int_0^\infty t^{x-1} e^{-t} dt = \Gamma(x).$$

(b) Statement of LDCT (cf. Edwin Hewitt and Karl Stromberg)

Let the measured space (X, \mathcal{A}, μ) be given.

Statement of Lebesgue Dominated Convergence Theorem. Let $\{f_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ be a sequence of extended real-value, \mathcal{A} -measurable functions each defined a.e. on X , and suppose there exists a function h in $L^1(X)$ such that for each integer n , the inequality $|f_n(x)| \leq h(x)$ holds a.e. on X . Then

- (i) $\int_X \underline{\lim}_n f_n d\mu \leq \underline{\lim}_n \int_X f_n d\mu$; and
(ii) $\int_X \overline{\lim}_n f_n d\mu \geq \overline{\lim}_n \int_X f_n d\mu$.

Put differently,

$$\int_X \underline{\lim}_n f_n d\mu \leq \underline{\lim}_n \int_X f_n d\mu \leq \overline{\lim}_n \int_X f_n d\mu \leq \int_X \overline{\lim}_n f_n d\mu.$$

If additionally $\lim_n f_n(x)$ exists for μ -almost every x on X ,¹ then $\int_X \lim_n f_n d\mu$ exists and

$$(iii) \quad \lim_n \int_X f_n d\mu = \int_X \lim_n f_n d\mu.$$

Problem 7

Let $1 \leq p < \infty$ and $f \in L^p(\mathbb{R})$. Denote by m the Lebesgue measure on \mathbb{R} .

- (a) Prove that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} m[\{x \in \mathbb{R} : |f(x)| \geq n\}] = 0$.
(b) Prove that the set $\{x \in \mathbb{R} : |f(x)| \neq 0\}$ is σ -finite.
(c) Prove that $m[\{x \in \mathbb{R} : |f(x)| = \infty\}] = 0$.

Solution. (a) We have for each integer n , $\int_{\mathbb{R}} |f|^p dm = \int_{\{|f| \geq n\}} |f|^p dm + \int_{\{|f| < n\}} |f|^p dm \geq \int_{\{|f| \geq n\}} |f|^p dm \geq n^p m[\{|f| \geq n\}]$. Then $m[\{|f| \geq n\}] \leq \frac{1}{n^p} \int_{\mathbb{R}} |f|^p dm$. Since $\int_{\mathbb{R}} |f|^p dm < \infty$, the bound $\frac{1}{n^p} \int_{\mathbb{R}} |f|^p dm$ goes to 0. Hence $\lim_n m[\{|f| \geq n\}] = 0$.

(b) We have $\{|f| \neq 0\} = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \{n-1 < |f| \leq n\}$, and for each n , $m[\{n-1 < |f| \leq n\}] = m[\{|f| > n-1\}] - m[\{|f| > n\}]$ is finite since for each positive integer k , $0 \leq m[\{|f| > k\}] \leq m[\{|f| \geq k-1\}] < \infty$. Notice that $m[\{|f| \geq n\}] \rightarrow 0$ implies $\{|f| \geq n\}$ is bounded, therefore finite.

(c) $\{|f| = \infty\} = \bigcap_{n \geq 1} A_n$ wherer $A_n := \{|f| \geq n\}$ which satisfies $A_n \supset A_{n+1} \supset \dots$. Since for all positive integers $m[\{|f| \geq n\}] < \infty$, it follows that $m[\{|f| = \infty\}] = \lim_n m[A_n] = \lim_n m[\{|f| \geq n\}] = 0$.

¹his means f_n converges pointwisely μ -almost everywhere on X .

Problem 8

Denote by m the Lebesgue measure on \mathbb{R} . Let $E \subset \mathbb{R}$ be a measurable set with $m(E) < \infty$. Suppose $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a measurable function, so that $f(x) > 0$ for a.e. $x \in E$. Prove that if $\{E_n\}$ is a sequence of measurable subsets of E , so that

$$\lim_n \int_{E_n} f(x) dx = 0$$

then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} m(E_n) = 0$.

Solution. Consider $B = \{x \in E : f(x) > 0\}$. Since B has E 's full measure, for each positive integer n , $\int_{E_n} f dm = \int_{E_n \cap B} f dm = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{1}_{E_n \cap B} f dm$. By Fatou's lemma,

$$0 \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}} \liminf_n \mathbb{1}_{E_n \cap B} f dm \leq \liminf_n \int_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{1}_{E_n \cap B} f dm = 0.$$

Then $\int_{\mathbb{R}} \liminf_n \mathbb{1}_{E_n \cap B} f dm = 0$. Using the fact $f > 0$ on B , we actually have $\liminf_n \mathbb{1}_{E_n \cap B} f = 0$ which implies $\liminf_n \mathbb{1}_{E_n \cap B} = 0$. Now for each positive integer n ,

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{k \geq n} \mathbb{1}_{E_k \cap B} &\leq \mathbb{1}_{\bigcup_{k=n}^{\infty} (E_k \cap B)} \implies \overline{\lim}_n \mathbb{1}_{E_n \cap B} \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{1}_{\bigcup_{k \geq n} (E_k \cap B)} \\ &\implies \int_{\mathbb{R}} \overline{\lim}_n \mathbb{1}_{E_n \cap B} dm \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{1}_{\bigcup_{k \geq n} (E_k \cap B)} dm. \end{aligned}$$

Additionally, the sequence $\left\{ \mathbb{1}_{\bigcup_{k \geq n} (E_k \cap B)} \right\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ is a sequence of real valued measurable functions each defined on \mathbb{R} , such that for every positive integer n , $\left| \mathbb{1}_{\bigcup_{k \geq n} (E_k \cap B)}(x) \right| \leq \mathbb{1}_E(x)$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$ with $\int_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{1}_E dm = m(E) < \infty$. Then, all the conditions for the application of LDCT are met, and therefore

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{1}_{\bigcup_{k \geq n} (E_k \cap B)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{1}_{\bigcup_{k \geq n} (E_k \cap B)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} m \left(\bigcup_{k \geq n} (E_k \cap B) \right).$$

Moreover $\bigcup_{k \geq n} (E_k \cap B) = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} (E_k \cap B) \setminus \bigcup_{k=1}^{n-1} (E_k \cap B)$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} m \left(\bigcup_{k \geq n} (E_k \cap B) \right) &= \lim_n \left[m \left(\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} (E_k \cap B) \right) - m \left(\bigcup_{k=1}^{n-1} (E_k \cap B) \right) \right] \\ &= m \left(\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} (E_k \cap B) \right) - m \left(\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} (E_k \cap B) \right) \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence $\overline{\lim}_n \mathbb{1}_{E_k \cap B} = 0$ a.e. Consequently, $\lim_n \mathbb{1}_{E_n \cap B} = 0$ a.e. Then by dominated convergence, we have

$$\lim_n m(E_k \cap B) = \lim_n \int_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{1}_{E_n \cap B} dm = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \lim_n \mathbb{1}_{E_n \cap B} dm = 0.$$

Finally notice that $m(E_n) = m(E_n \cap B) + m(E_n \cap (E \setminus B)) = m(E_n \cap B)$. Therefore $\lim_n m(E_n) = 0$.